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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

- (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
 - a body; and
 - a unit which is arranged in the body,
 - wherein the unit comprises
 - a card receiver which receives a card, and
- a protective member which protects part of the card that projects from the card receiver when the card receiver receives the card.
- wherein the card receiver is accommodated in the body, and the protective member is exposed from the body.
- (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
 the card receiver has an insertion slot to receive the card <u>and a receiver</u>
 guide rail,

the protective member has an exit slot to send the card to the first insertion slot of the card receiver, and a member guide rail which guides the card to the card receiver, and

the insertion slot and the exit slot oppose each other, and

the card is guided to the card receiver by the member guide rail of the

protective member and the receiver guide rail via the exit slot of the protective

member and the insertion slot of the card receiver.

3. (Canceled)